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Democratic People's Republic of Korea's nuclear challenge to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Joint statement endorsed by Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America

Statement open to all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

1. We, States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, condemn in the strongest terms the nuclear tests and launches using ballistic missile technology conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in violation of multiple, unanimously agreed Security Council resolutions.

2. The nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programme of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which is getting closer to an operational nuclear capability, poses a grave and increasing threat to regional and international peace and security.

3. The pursuit by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of a military nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programme constitutes a grave threat to the international non-proliferation regime, of which the Treaty remains the cornerstone. We urge the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to return to the Treaty and the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards at an early date and abandon its

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nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programme in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner.

4. To this end, we reaffirm that we will faithfully implement the relevant Security Council resolutions and will further strengthen international cooperation.